

BEFORE THE TENNESSEE REGULATORY AUTHORITY

NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE

JUNE 12, 2001

IN RE:

**BELLSOUTH TELECOMMUNICATIONS, INC.
TARIFF TO OFFER CONTRACT SERVICE
ARRANGEMENT (TN00-6380-00)**

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**DOCKET NO.
00-01087**

**ORDER GRANTING APPROVAL OF BELLSOUTH
CONTRACT SERVICE ARRANGEMENT (TN00-6380-00)**

This matter came before the Tennessee Regulatory Authority ("Authority") at a regularly scheduled Authority Conference on January 9, 2001 on the tariff filing of BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc. ("BellSouth") for approval to offer Contract Service Arrangement No. TN00-6380-00 ("CSA"). BellSouth filed Tariff No. 00-01087 on December 8, 2000, with a proposed effective date of January 9, 2001.

Based upon careful consideration of the tariff filing and the attachments thereto, the Authority made the following findings and conclusions:

1. The purpose of this CSA is to provide Centrex service to the customer identified in the filing. Centrex service is an alternative to Private Branch Exchange ("PBX") or key systems. With Centrex service, all of the switching features and functions needed for a customer's internal telecommunications are located in the telephone company's central office instead of being located at the customer's premise as is the case with a PBX or key system. Centrex service typically consist of three elements: 1) the Centrex line or intercom component

that provides station-to-station calling; 2) the network access register that permits calls to be made to and received from the outside world; and 3) features such as call waiting or call forwarding.

2. The term of this CSA is thirty-six (36) months.

3. Through this CSA, BellSouth is offering the customer a twenty-three and two-tenths percent (23.2%) discount on recurring charges and a waiver of contract preparation charges.

4. In its December 8, 2000 cover letter included with the CSA filing, BellSouth agreed to notify the customer¹ that upon early termination of the CSA without cause, the lesser of the following termination liability charges would apply:

a. The amounts specified in the CSA the customer signed;²

b. The total of the repayment of discounts received during the previous twelve (12) months of service, the repayment of the prorated amount of any waived or discounted non-recurring charges, and the repayment of the prorated amount of any documented contract preparation, implementation and tracking, or similar charges; or

c. Six percent (6%) of the total CSA amount.

5. BellSouth provided an addendum executed by the customer stating that the customer was aware of competitive alternatives available to it in Tennessee and that the customer

¹ BellSouth agreed during the October 24, 2000 Authority Conference that it would send the notice to the customer upon approval of the CSA by the Authority. *See Transcript of Proceedings*, p. 15 (Authority Conference October 24, 2000).

² An addendum to this CSA defines the applicable termination charges as follows:
the lesser of (A) the sum of the repayment of discounts received during the previous 12 months of the service, the repayment of any waived or discounted non-recurring charges set forth in Paragraph 7(a) and Notes in the Rates and Charges Section of the Agreement, and the repayment of the pro-rated contract preparation charge set forth in Notes in the Rates and Charges Section of the Agreement; or (B) six percent (6%) of the total Agreement amount.

and BellSouth have agreed on the termination provisions and that the termination charges represent a reasonable estimate of BellSouth's damages in the event of termination.


6. BellSouth supplied cost data which indicates that the price of services offered under the CSA exceed their long-run incremental costs. This data indicates that BellSouth has complied with the statutory price floor established in Tenn. Code Ann. § 65-5-208(c).


7. No parties sought to intervene in this docket.

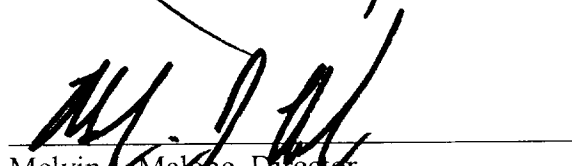
Based upon the foregoing, the Directors of the Authority unanimously determined that the CSA in this docket should be granted.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED THAT:


BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc.'s Tariff No. 00-01087, which seeks approval of Contract Service Arrangement No. TN00-6380-00, is hereby granted.


Sara Kyle, Chairman


H. Lynn Greer, Jr., Director


Melvin L. Malone, Director

ATTEST:


K. David Waddell, Executive Secretary